

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 807

By McDonald

A RESOLUTION opposing the proposed location of a rock quarry
near Castalian Springs in Sumner County

WHEREAS, Tennessee is a state rich in history and natural beauty, and those characteristics must be protected; and

WHEREAS, Sumner County is home to several sites of historical interest and many acres of beautiful park land; and

WHEREAS, those historical sites include Wynnewood, a registered national historic landmark, the Hawthorne House, and a Native American burial mound, and the park land includes Bledsoe's Fort Historical Park, which is part of the Bledsoe Lick historical area; and

WHEREAS, Wynnewood, which was constructed in 1828, is one of the oldest and largest log structures in the southern United States, and the site and structure were both involved with the early development of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the Hawthorne Hill, which is also known as the Bate House, was the birthplace of William Brimage Bate, who rose to national prominence through his service as a Confederate major general, a governor of the State of Tennessee, and a United States Senator; and

WHEREAS, the burial mound in Castalian Springs, which is currently in the process of being excavated, may potentially indicate the area's importance in Native American culture as far back as the 13th Century; and

WHEREAS, Bledsoe's Fort Historical Park is host to numerous visitors and the subject of a number of educational programs each year; and

WHEREAS, each of these sites is at risk of damage or disruption from the activity and blasting which will occur at a rock quarry, which is proposed by Western Farm Products Company, LLC at a nearby site; and

WHEREAS, it is wholly fitting that this body formally discourage the location of the rock quarry at the site of its current proposal; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby oppose the proposed location of the Western Farm Products Company, LLC. rock quarry in the Castalian Springs community of Sumner County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.